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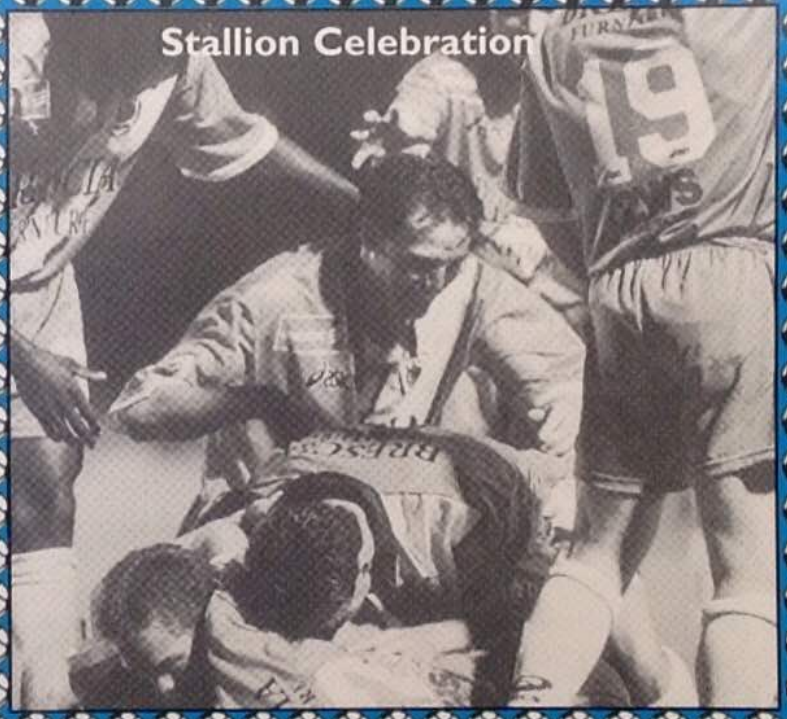
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# bring on the champs

In every season of any sport there comes a defining moment which is recounted as that epoch of belief. You know that moment! Hollywood uses it to great effect in the movies. A great example is that unforgettable scene in Rockyll when Rocky Balboa finally connects with a hook to the head of Apollo Creed after taking an awful beating from the Champ for the opening rounds. That look in Rocky's eyes displayed his inner belief that he could beat the Champ and take the Heavyweight title. For those amongst you that have yet to see the movie, I won't spoil it for you and tell you the outcome.

Although the above is a "Hollywood" scenario, it is those moments that encapsulate sport and for our Stallions tonight is that defining moment. The 1998/99 Grand Final may still be 7 months away, but tonight's match is undoubtedly our greatest test to date as we take on the Australian Champions, South Melbourne. The Victorian club has commenced their defence of the title in grand fashion and sit atop of the Ericsson Cup ladder (along with Perth Glory) coming into this Round 4 clash. Although we are only one point behind the leaders in 4th spot and it is so very early in the season, tonight's contest is acknowledged as an acid test of our potential for this coming season.

We obviously have high aspirations for success this season and have kicked off our campaign with some hard fought good results, both at home and last week away to Canberra. Our last home game against Sydney United was obviously pleasing, as is always the case when you take all three points in a local derby. Our victory over the Cosmos in the nation's capital last Sunday, although not pretty, was just the sort of result we require if we are to be taken seriously as a championship contender. Without taking anything away from Canberra, these are the away games where maximum points must be captured. We achieved this goal again this season, and aim towards retaining a winning record at home throughout the season, continuing tonight.

We are under no illusions of the magnitude of the task before our team tonight. We are playing against arguably, Australia's best team at present, with South Melbourne possessing quality players all over the pitch. South's squad is a powerful one containing such talents as Paul Trimboli, Goran Lozanovski, Fausto De Amicis, Vaughan Coveny, John Anastasiadis and the underrated David Clarkson in midfield. To say that they are a formidable opponent is to understate the facts, however Marconi has built solidly over the past couple of seasons and it is now a realistic ambition to be a true contender. To be classed as such means competing against and defeating the best, and tonight is the night we face our very own "Apollo Creed".

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# FARINA'S FORUM

A big Marconi welcome to the reigning Premiers, South Melbourne and their Coach of the Year, Angie Postecoglou. South Melbourne have started this season in the same vein as they concluded the last, and are undoubtedly one of the form teams of the competition at present. Acknowledged as the justified favourites for the 1998/99 Ericsson Cup and aiming for back to back titles, tonight will be another big test for us.

Although we are still to reach anywhere near what I consider top form, I am happy with the players' commitment and attitude. Motivation won't be a problem tonight and the end result will provide a good gauge on how we match up against the other top teams in this competition.

Our sojourn to the nation's capital was a successful trip for us last weekend. The opening 25 minutes was not what I would term as our best football, in truth it was pretty awful, but we bounced back from conceding an early goal to dominate the remainder of the match. In the end we deserved to win by a larger margin but a win is a win and particularly away from home.

It was also good to see that Kris Trajanovski got off the goalscoring mark for us last weekend with the winning goal. With a touch of luck he could have scored at least another one so we hope this breaking of his duck sees many more goals to his name this season.

With the season only four weeks old, early forecasts of this National League being the most open in memory seem prophetic. Last round saw many upsets occur and I feel that this will be the tone for the entire season.

All 'ranked' teams have to be on their guard against all opposition. There is no easy game and no result can be taken for granted. This augurs well for entertaining and competitive football every week, which in turn adds extra importance to fixtures such as tonight's.

This will be a game that the victorious team will celebrate more than most, and accordingly I urge all supporters to really get behind our boys tonight to assist in ensuring that it will be the home dressing room singing at 9pm tonight. It promises to be a cracking game of football.

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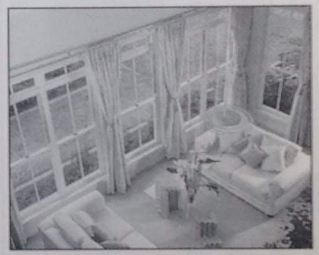

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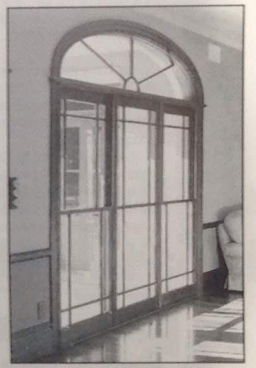

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*Captain of the Marconi Fairfield Stallions 1998/1999 Ericsson Cup squad, Brad Maloney, offers readers his views and insights on our team's progress throughout the season.*

I know I speak for all the boys in stating that we have been looking forward to this match tonight against the Champions, all week. It is no doubt that South Melbourne are acknowledged as being amongst the best three teams in the country (if not the best) and it will be a tremendous challenge for us. In stating this, we are equally confident that Marconi will be recognised as a serious challenger to their crown, and tonight will display the credibility of this argument.

We come into this game tonight with two wins under our belt and are confident on turning the tables on our visitors, whom we haven't beaten for a couple of seasons.

Last week's result in Canberra displayed our team's fighting qualities. We certainly did not play well in the first half but regrouped after the break to take full points. It is never easy to win in Canberra, despite our good record against them over the years.

It was certainly a pleasant feeling to reflect upon another three competition points on the way back home up the Hume Highway.

In attaining these important away points, it is crucial that we maintain a good home record throughout this season. As I have stated already, Souths will be our sternest test to date and we will have to be on our game to take the points. I see their midfield combination as being their greatest strength and we'll have to contain them in this area.

When you blend the brilliance of Paul Trimboli, with the dynamic running of Goran Lozanovski and David Clarkson running the midfield, we have a fair idea on what is confronting us. However, we're all ready, confident and genuinely excited at this big match, before what is anticipated and indeed deserves a great home crowd cheering us on to victory.


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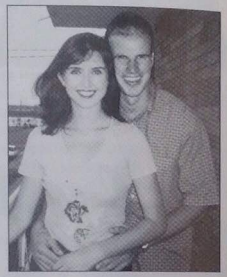

**Player's Name:** Mike Smith
**Partner's Name:** Nikki Raymond
**Marital Status:** De Facto
**Where Did You Meet?** Kitty O'Sheas - Paddington
**How long have you known each other?** 4 Years
**What does he do for you on Valentines Day?**
We went to Airth Castle in Scotland for a weekend last year. Well, I organised it but Mike participated.
**Would he (in you opinion) change the baby's nappy?** YES
**When was the last time he cooked for you?**
He doesn't cook, but he helps.
**His Worst Habit?** Biting his nails, farting and gambling – if he was allowed to that is.
**His romantic moment to you was?** I'm still waiting for it.
**Last movie seen together?** The Truman Show
**How does he look first thing in the morning?** He's buzzing every morning **Out of 10:** 9/10
**What chore does he shirk around the home?** He somehow manages to shirk every chore.
**His best attribute?** His ability to make me smile anywhere, at any time.
**His worst attribute?** He is stubborn, like me.
**What animal best describes his character?** No such animal exists.
**How is he before a big game?** On Edge. I'm in trouble for everything. Getting better though.
**Your reaction if a fan yells abuse at Darren?** Not Well. The guys are usually bigger, so I don't say much.
**How is he after a loss?** A bit upset – nothing a Crown Lager won't fix.
**Worst aspect of being a 'football widow'?** My friends call him 'The Phantom'. He's never around and can never go out. The season is way too long.
**Best aspect of being a 'football widow'?** Plenty of time for myself.
**If you could change anything about him, what would it be?** Not too much. I love everything about him. Don't know if he'd say the same about me though.


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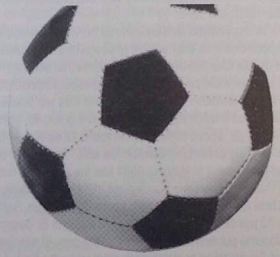

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**By Stuart Jones**

Today's visitors have been facing up against Marconi since the NSL began back in 1977. The histories of both clubs are strong, as each has represented Melbourne and Sydney longer than any other clubs currently in the NSL.

South Melbourne Hellas were formed in 1959 and a year later they won the Victorian first division thus entering the Victorian State League. Two seasons later they won that championship and repeated that feat in 1964, 1965, 1966, 1972, and 1976.

Six titles in sixteen years and South Melbourne were in a strong position as they entered the newly formed NSL. However that first season turned out to be a major disappointment as they won only seven of their games and finished fourth from bottom on 22 points. Marconi did the double over the side from Melbourne that season. 1978 saw a much more solid South Melbourne side finish third with ten more points than they had accumulated from the 26 games played the season before. 1979 saw the club have a shocker. They managed one less win than in the 1977 season but lost 17 (including a 6-0 thrashing at Marconi) and finished last, conceding more goals, 45, than any other side in the competition. 1980 saw South Melbourne finally get a point off Marconi, in round 12 winning at home 3-1, in fact they got full points from the Fairfielders after winning at Marconi Stadium as well. At the end of the season they found themselves in third position, a place and point ahead of Marconi. 1981 saw the club finish runners up, although Sydney City finished well clear of the field. (That year they were bundled out of the cup in Round One by Heidelberg.) 1982 they were back to their inconsistent best as they finished in sixth spot with 11 losses, 9 draws, and 10 wins. 1983 saw them finish two places higher on 52 points, only three points off champions St George.

Finally in 1984 the year came where South Melbourne put everything together on the park. It was the first time the NSL was split into two conferences so Marconi and Souths failed to match each other up on the field of play. South Melbourne finished five points clear in the South and won the finals series of that conference, defeating Heidelberg 4-2 in that Grand Final. They faced great Sydney rivals Sydney Olympic in the Grand Final of the NSL as a whole. They won the first leg at home 2-1 and matched that scoreline in the away leg to finally get their hands on the NSL trophy. That season their league record read played 28, won 18, drew 4, lost 6, 48 for, 20 against, 40 points. In 1985 they again finished clear in the Southern Division. However in the semis they lost to Brunswick (eventual national champions) and then drew 4-4 with Preston before losing 4-5 in a penalty shootout. Preston had also defeated them, 3-2, in the first round of the national cup that season.1985 saw them finish seventh in the south and out of finals contention (Croydon City upset them 2-1 in round two of the cup that season). 1987 saw the club get over their problems with the cup as they reached the final. However they failed at the final hurdle, losing 1-0 in both legs to Sydney Croatia. The league saw them finish sixth at the end of the season. 1988 saw a better season for the club as they came third. Souths then lost to Sydney CSC (2-1) and Marconi (1-2) in the finals. Those two clubs would go on to play in the grand final with Marconi victorious. 1989 was another disappointing season for Souths as they finished in eighth place. Having made the semi finals of the Cup the year before South Melbourne marched all the way to the final in the first season of summer football. Their they faced the club they had been victorious over for their first NSL trophy. Now they were to repeat the dose as Sydney Olympic were dispatched away with a 4-1 loss to their names. The Cup was finally South Melbourne's. Cup form was carried into the league and South Melbourne finished runners up, just two points off Marconi. Once more the elimination finals were not kind as they lost 6-7 on penalties to Melbourne CSC and then 0-1 to Sydney Olympic.

Another second place in 1991 saw Souths enter yet another finals series. This time they defeated Adelaide City 4-2 before losing to Melbourne CSC 0-1. In the rematch South Melbourne once more defeated the Zebras (this time 1-0) and the grand final was a fight between two of Melbourne's big clubs. A 1-1 draw was followed by a tense penalty shoot out which South Melbourne took out 5-4. They had their second NSL title (they also made the semis of the Cup, losing to Parramatta). South Melbourne finished third a year later, won one game in the finals (2-0 against Sydney Olympic) before losing to Melbourne CSC on penalties (5-3) and Adelaide City (2-0 in Adelaide).



The following season they finished in first place on the table. Then came a 1-0 loss to Marconi at home in the semis. In Sydney they were put to the sword as the club were defeated 7-0 by Marconi. Souths were never going to recover and despite a goal from Francis Awaritefe they lost 1-3 to Adelaide City to bow out of the finals. Souths had conceded only 23 goals in 26 games went into the finals and conceded 11 in three. 1994 saw another second place and another, as in 1992, loss to the Melbourne Knights and Adelaide City in the finals. 1995 saw a sixth place win, a flogging of Morwell in the first round of the semis but yet again a loss to the Melbourne Knights 2-3 (with Mark Viduka gaining a hat-trick, while Con Boutsianis scored a brace of goal for Souths). 1996 and there was some success in the national cup competition. The side, having got past Marconi 3-2 in the quarterfinal stage, played Newcastle in the final and won 3-1. Their league form was poor though and for the first time in a long time the side missed the finals, finishing seventh. 1997 and the Lakers finished third and even managed to get past the Knights (7-1 on aggregate actually) and then Adelaide City (1-0) but managed to lose against Sydney United at Parramatta Stadium (a goal from Ante Milicic the difference). Then last season they finished top once more. Three defeats of Carlton (the only club they faced in the finals series) was enough to give South Melbourne another coveted championship. South Melbourne are coached by one time Souths and Australian player Angie Postecoglou (coach of the year last season). Their side is full of great names but one that stands out is Paul Trimboli (player of the year last season). "Trimmers" as he is known, has the respect of all his fellow professionals in Australia. Other players are envious of the things he can do with the ball." Young Michael Petkovic is a great goalkeeper, whilst the likes of Goran Lozanovski and Fausto De Amicis (last years Joe Marston Medal winner) are always dangerous. Of the players on show today Francis Awaritefe has played for both clubs.

**Statistics for League matches only (finals not included)**

**Marconi v South Melbourne**

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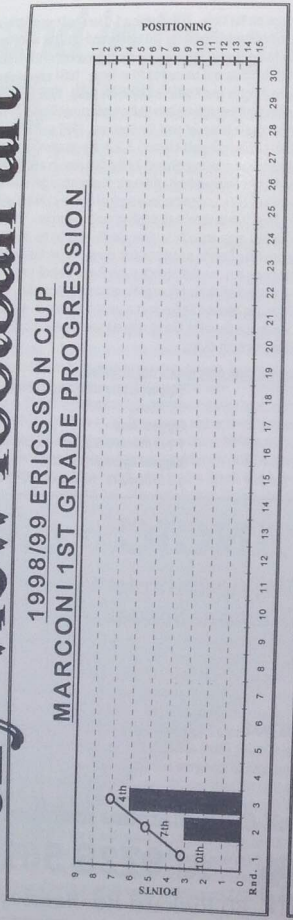


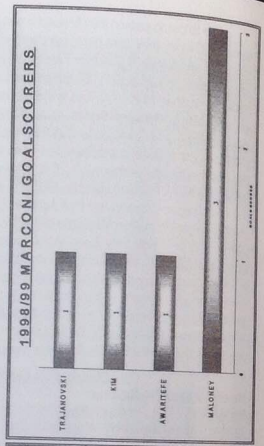


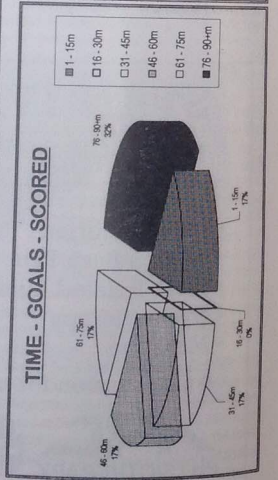





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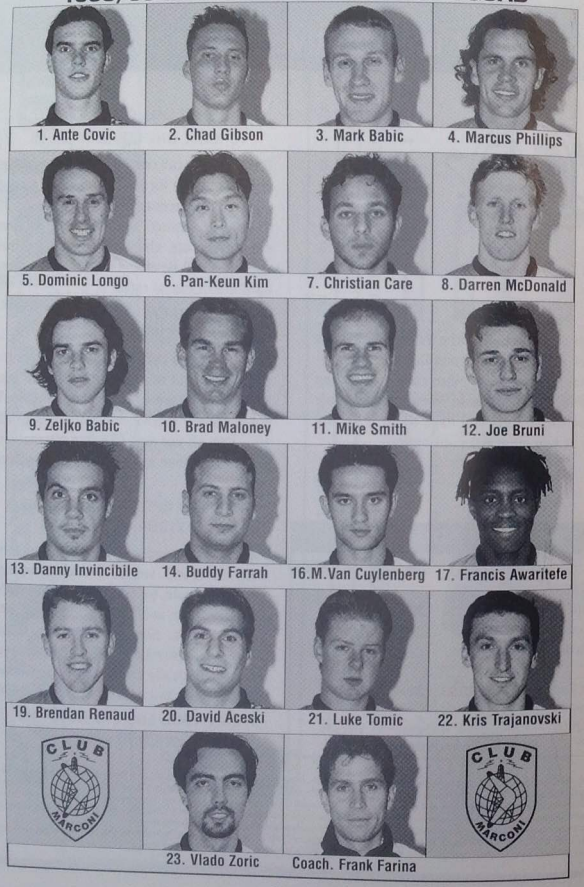




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## BATTLE ROYAL

Tonight's match against current Ericsson Cup champions South Melbourne should be a classic. Messrs Trimboli and partners have made no secret of their wish for back to back championships and our Victorian visitors will be looking for maximum points to consolidate their spot at the top of the ladder.

South Melbourne had the better of the encounters with us last season, winning 3-1 in Melbourne, and holding the Stallions to a 2-2 draw at Marconi Stadium.

After a hard fought derby victory over Sydney United, Frank Farina's men will no doubt be doing their upmost to make it two home victories in a row, and in the process let Souths know that there is another team after their crown.

## EXPANDING THE GAME

The rumour mill has it that a club team from New Zealand may be admitted to the Ericsson Cup next season. While undoubtedly there will be those who disagree with me, I can see nothing but positives if an Auckland club side were to join the league.

Potential sponsors would welcome the additional exposure across the Tasman and the addition of another competitive side would only enhance the competition, as well as help us get rid of the *bye* situation we currently have, caused by the odd number of teams in the league. One more home game for the existing clubs would also help the cash flow situation of many clubs, and allow them to take a step closer to full time football. Those who argue against the inclusion of our Kiwi cousins, do mainly on the grounds that it would be helping the New Zealand national side in an indirect way, and that it may backfire on us and prevent the Socceroos in some way from reaching the World Cup Finals.

Some counter this argument by suggesting that if we aren't capable of beating New Zealand over two legs, then we don't deserve to be in the World Cup Finals anyway, and I must admit that this argument strikes me as having a certain validity. So, bring on the Kiwis I say, the sooner the better as the Ericsson Cup and ultimately us as spectators, can only benefit by having more competitive teams in it.

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After his wonder goal against Sydney United a fortnight ago, Brad Maloney's name is bracketed with those of his more famous fellow goalscoring professionals, as any one of them would have been proud had THEY themselves scored such a goal. Meeting a Dominic Longo diagonal ball just inside the penalty box, Bugsy launched himself sideways to volley an unstoppable shot past stunned United goalkeeper Andrew Crews.

It may be very early in the season but already this strike is being talked about as being in the 'goal of the season' category, and should Soccer Australia ever get round to making a promotional video for television, then surely the footage of this goal will be included. Speaking on television the very next day, Marconi team mate Francis Awaritefe suggested that Bugsy makes a habit of regularly scoring such goals at training, and it would be no surprise if he repeated the feat during the season! Let's hope so!

## BIMBI'S BACK

Former Marconi star Steve Corica has resumed his playing career with English First Division side Wolverhampton Wanderers, after an horrific knee injury which threatened his career. Steve hasn't had the best of luck since he left Australia for England, suffering a broken leg with his first club Leicester City, before succumbing to no less than two serious knee injuries with his current club.

It's good to see Steve back in the first team, and hopefully now that he has fought his way back, he will enjoy an injury free period, which will enable him to play his way back into Socceroo contention.



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| 1998/99 ERICSSON CUP | | | | | | | GK | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | GK | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| ROUND | DATE | VENUE | OPPONENT | RESULT | POINTS | POSITION | MARCONI GOALSCORERS | CROWD | Covic | Gibson | M. Basic | Phillips | Longo | P. Kim | Core | McDonald | Z. Basic | Maloney | Smith | Brum | Tremodoli | Fosh | Vacyberg | Awartefe | Dorsoud | Acosta | Yorich | Trajanovski | Zoric |
| 1 | 10/10/98 | A | Brisbane Strikers | 3 - 2 | 0 | 10th | *Maloney 15m, Awartefe 83m* | 6,155 | P | YL | PS | P | p | P | SP | I | SP | P | sp | YL | PS | YL | | YL | P | | p | YL | YL | P | PS |
| 2 | 17/10/98 | H | Sydney United | 2 - 0 | 3 | 7th | *Kim 49m (Pen.), Maloney 66m* | 8,752 | P | YL | I | P | P | P | SP | YL | SP | P | P | YL | PS | B | | YL | PS | | P | YL | YL | P | P |
| 3 | 26/10/98 | A | Canberra Cosmos | 1 - 2 | 6 | 4th | *Maloney 37m, Trajanovski 77m* | 2,500 | P | YL | I | ps | P | P | YL | SP | sp | P | P | YL | P | B | | YL | PS | | P | YL | YL | P | P |
| 4 | 31/10/98 | H | South Melbourne | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 5 | 7/11/98 | A | Gippsland Falcons | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 6 | 14/11/98 | H | Adelaide Sharks | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 7 | 20/11/98 | A | Newcastle | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 8 | 28 - 29th | X | BYE ROUND | N/A | | | N/A | N/A | # | # | # | # | # | # | # | # | # | # | # | # | # | # | # | # | # | # | # | # | # | # |
| 9 | 5/12/98 | H | Sydney Olympic | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 10 | 13/12/98 | A | Perth Glory | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 11 | 19/12/98 | H | Carlton | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 12 | 27/12/98 | A | Melbourne Knights | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 13 | 2/01/99 | H | Wollongong Wolves | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 14 | 10/01/99 | A | Adelaide City | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 15 | 15/01/99 | A | Northern Spirit | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 16 | 23/01/99 | H | Brisbane Strikers | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 17 | 26/01/99 | A | Sydney United | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 18 | 31/01/99 | A | Sydney Olympic | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 19 | 6 - 7th | X | BYE ROUND | N/A | | | N/A | N/A | # | # | # | # | # | # | # | # | # | # | # | # | # | # | # | # | # | # | # | # | # | # |
| 20 | 13/02/99 | H | Canberra Cosmos | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 21 | 21/02/99 | A | South Melbourne | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 22 | 27/02/99 | H | Gippsland Falcons | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 23 | 7/03/99 | A | Adelaide Sharks | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 24 | 13/03/99 | H | Newcastle | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 25 | 20/03/99 | H | Perth Glory | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 26 | 28/03/99 | A | Carlton | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 27 | 3/04/99 | H | Melbourne Knights | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 28 | 11/04/99 | A | Wollongong Wolves | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 29 | 17/04/99 | H | Adelaide City | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 30 | 25/04/99 | H | Northern Spirit | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

**LEGEND:**

P = Played Entire Match
PS = Started & Substituted
SP = Replacement Substitute
B = Benched
I = Injured
S = Suspended
YL = Played Youth League
# = Did Not play any grade
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As at 26th October, 1998

| Position | TEAMS | 1st Bye # | PLAYED | WIN | DRAW | LOSS | Goals Scored | Goals Conceded | POINTS |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Perth Glory | | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 5 | 2 | 7 |
| 2 | South Melbourne | | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 5 | 2 | 7 |
| 3 | Carlton | | 3 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 9 | 3 | 6 |
| 4 | **MARCONI** | | **3** | **2** | **0** | **1** | **6** | **4** | **6** |
| 5 | Sydney Olympic | | 3 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 5 | 6 |
| 6 | Sydney United | | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 4 | 4 |
| 7 | Adelaide Sharks | | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 3 | 4 |
| 8 | Brisbane Strikers | | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 6 | 6 | 4 |
| 9 | Newcastle | | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 4 |
| 10 | Gippsland Falcons | # | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 3 |
| 11 | Adelaide City | | 3 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 4 | 5 | 3 |
| 12 | Wollongong City | # | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 5 | 3 |
| 13 | Northern Spirit | | 3 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 5 | 3 |
| 14 | Melbourne Knights | # | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 0 |
| 15 | Canberra Cosmos | | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 7 | 0 |

## OTHER ROUND 4 MATCHES

FRIDAY 30th OCTOBER, 1998

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Newcastle Breakers | vs | Gippsland Falcons | at | Breakers Stadium |
| Northern Spirit | vs | Melbourne Knights | at | North Sydney Oval |

SUNDAY 1st NOVEMBER, 1998

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Brisbane Strikers | vs | Carlton | at | Suncorp Stadium |
| Sydney Olympic | vs | Canberra Cosmos | at | Belmore Sports Ground |
| Perth Glory | vs | Sydney United | at | Perth Oval |
| Wollongong Wolves | vs | Adelaide City | at | Brandon Park |

Bye This Round_____Adelaide Sharks

## NEXT HOME MATCH FIXTURE

**Saturday 14th November, 1998**

**MARCONI FAIRFIELD vs ADELAIDE SHARKS**



STALLIONS VOLSCS SOUTHS

SATURDAY 31st OCTOBER, 1998

Round 4 – 1998/99 Ericsson Cup

## MARCONI FAIRFIELD VS SOUTH MELBOURNE

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|---|---|
| 1. Ante Covic | 1. Michael Petkovic |
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| 4. Marcus Phillips | 4. Nick Orlic |
| 5. Dominic Longo | 5. Con Blatsis |
| 6. Pan-Keun Kim | 6. David Clarkson |
| 7. Christian Care | 7. Steve Panopoulos |
| 8. Darren McDonald | 8. Vaughan Coveny |
| 9. Zeljko Babic | 9. Paul Trimboli |
| 10. Brad Maloney | 10. Michael Curcija |
| 11. Mike Smith | 11. John Anastasiadis |
| 12. Joseph Bruni | 12. Tansel Baser |
| 13. Danny Invincible | 13. Adrian Cuzzupe |
| 14. Buddy Farah | 14. Jason Polak |
| 15. | 15. Goran Lozanovski |
| 16. Mauro Van Cuylenberg | 16. George Goutzoulis |
| 17. Francis Awaritefe | 17. Jim Tsekinis |
| 18. | 18. Robert Liparoti |
| 19. Brendan Renaud | 19. |
| 20. David Aceski | 20. Chris Jones |
| 21. Luke Tomich | 21. |
| 22. Kris Trajanovski | 22. Mustafa Mustafa |
| 23. Vlado Zoric | 23. |
| **COACH: Frank Farina** | **COACH: Angie Postecoglou** |

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### PREVIOUS FOUR LEAGUE MEETINGS

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 22nd Feb, 1998 | - | Round 19 (97/98 Ericsson Cup): | AWAY LOSS 3 – 1 |
| 1st Nov, 1997 | - | Round 05 (97/98 Ericsson Cup): | HOME DRAW 2 – 2 |
| 23rd March, 1997 | - | Round 22 (96/97 Ericsson Cup): | AWAY LOSS 3 – 1 |
| 30th Nov, 1996 | - | Round 08 (96/97 Ericsson Cup): | HOME LOSS 0 – 1 |

# national youth league report

with

Eddie McPherson (Youth Coach)

&

Sam D'Alessandro (Colts Coach)

## YOUTH TEAM

I reflect our club's satisfaction in returning from the nation's capital with two fine victories last weekend. Whilst the first grade were methodical and professional in their disposal of the Cosmos, our Youth League boys lifted a notch to inflict a pleasing and 'for & against' boosting 9 – 1 away victory over the A.C.T Academy of Sport.

Although it may sound like I'm stating the bleeding obvious, I was pleased with the boys' collective efforts last week and I'm certain Frank Farina felt the same about the performances of the first grade squad members who played in the Youth League fixture.

Young Joe Bruni scored 4 goals and Mark Hagger continues to impress with a hat-trick to his name. It augurs well for our club's campaign in all grades to see the youngsters rising to the occasion and press for a first grade position. The pressure is always on and all the players throughout the Marconi ranks know it.

We play the Sydney Olympic Colts team this afternoon and will be taking this young team very seriously. They have surprised a few teams already this season and we will have to have our minds truly on the job to ensure the maximum three points.

## COLTS TEAM

We are back in action this weekend after last round's postponement of our scheduled match against NSW Institute of Sport. Although it is never easy to reclaim momentum after a week's break it is more challenging when dealing with young players.

We have a difficult assignment tomorrow afternoon when we challenge the Wollongong Wolves Youth team at Brandon Park. For the young Wolves outfit, this match is really their season debut. They have yet to play a match in the National Youth League this season, having watched the opening three rounds without opponents for various competition structuring reasons. This break makes our task all the more difficult as we are also up against a highly rated opponent and one of the teams predicted to be challenging for honours this year.

It would be remiss of me to not remind you and indeed congratulate our young goalkeeper, Daniel Schwarzer for his selection in the Australian Joeys team. The surname obviously needs no introduction to our club and in fact Daniel is the younger brother of Mark, the former Stallion and now Middlesbrough keeper. Congratulations Daniel.



## NATIONAL YOUTH LEAGUE - Northern Division Ladder

As at 26th October, 1998

| Position | TEAMS | PLAYED | WIN | DRAW | LOSS | Goals Scored | Goals Conceded | POINTS |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Newcastle Breakers | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 12 | 4 | 9 |
| 2 | Queensland Academy of Sport | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 10 | 3 | 7 |
| 3 | Australian Institute of Sport | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 1 | 6 |
| 4 | Northern Spirit (Youth) | 3 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 7 | 6 | 6 |
| 5 | Northern Spirit (Colts) | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 8 | 1 | 4 |
| 6 | **MARCONI (Youth)** | **3** | **1** | **1** | **1** | **10** | **4** | **4** |
| 7 | Sydney Olympic (Youth) | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 4 | 4 |
| 8 | **MARCONI (Colts)** | **2** | **1** | **0** | **1** | **1** | **4** | **3** |
| 9 | ACT Academy of Sport | 3 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 6 | 15 | 3 |
| 10 | Sydney Olympic (Academy) | 3 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 5 | 2 |
| 11 | Sydney United (Youth) | 3 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 6 | 1 |
| 12 | Wollongong Wolves (Colts) | 3 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 10 | 1 |
| 13 | Sydney United (Colts) | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 11 | 0 |
| 14 | Wollongong Wolves (Youth) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 15 | NSW Institute of Sport | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

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# IT ALL DEPENDS ON YOUR POINT OF VIEW BUT...

Its official. Soccer in Australia is not a sport, but a business that concerns itself not with the spirit of the world sport, or its supporters, but with making short term, short sighted, foolish business decisions. The first such case was the signing over of television rights to the NSL to Channel Seven for an amazingly long period of 10 years, for a piddling 20 or so million. The economic illiteracy of that aside, it failed to take into account the fine coverage that SBS had given the sport and the appalling coverage it is getting now.

*We have been sold out.*

Last weekend for example I saw a cracker of a game between Sydney United and Sydney Olympic. Five goals were scored and entertaining ones at that, however there is no analysis or replay that we can watch after the game. The SBS programs "On The Ball" and "Ericsson Cup" so fabulously and successfully did this. Up until this season that is. It is total madness and the question has to be asked also to Channel Seven: Why buy the rights, only to lease them back to the ABC? It is breathtakingly asinine on the parties involved, and infuriating for us, the fans.

Example two. Last Sunday's Sunday Telegraph carried a story in which the new head of Soccer Australia, Basil Scarsella said, in arguing for the inclusion of a New Zealand team in the NSL. *"If we were to take the view of turning our backs on New Zealand, then why are we allowing their players to play for our National league clubs?"* I couldn't help but check the article again in case I had misinterpreted the quote. Unfortunately I has grasped it correctly. If there are Italian players playing in England, and there are many, then surely with this 'logic' the Italian Football Federation should have a team In England. As should France, Germany and Spain, for they all have players playing in that league. Furthermore there should be English, French, German Spanish and even an Australian team in the Serie A, as there are players of those nationalities playing there.

We in Australia have a NATIONAL soccer league, not an International one. There seems no reason to change this. International fixtures are quite different from national ones and should not be mixed. Apart from this, it is alleged it is good economics. Whether it is or not, it is not up to me to say. But undoubtedly what can be said is that they are feeble attempts at justification for a New Zealand team.

Another point to consider is one I have raised before regarding whether or not this proposed team to have any sort of National symbol or any recognition that the team is indeed a New Zealand team. Taking into consideration past determinations from Soccer Australia, it would seem appropriate that the proposed New Zealand team should not have the national black and white colours, should not have any association with any New Zealand national symbol, should not use the Kiwi or be called the All Blacks etc... This is the humble opinion of a member of football's majority, ie: the fans.

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### STALLIONS' SUPER SCORERS

*Over the years, Marconi have been fortunate to have some of the most highest profile goal scorers of the national soccer league. Lets have a look at Marconi's five highest goalscorers in the national league, 1977 to 1997/98.*

**1. Mark Jankovics. 95 goals.**
At Marconi 1978-1986 - 202 appearances, at 0.47 goals per game
First Marconi goal: v Brisbane Lions, Perry Park, 5 March 1978 (won 3-0) - age: 21 y, 334 days

**2. Andrew Harper. 66 goals.**
At Marconi 1991-1997 - 156 appearances, at 0.42 goals per game
1st Marconi goal: v Melbourne Knights, Knights Park, 6 Oct. 1991 (lost 1-2) — age: 24 y, 146 days

**3. David Lowe. 52 goals.**
At Marconi 1984-1992 - 218 appearances, at 0.24 goals per game
1st Marconi goal: v Newcastle KB United, at Marconi, 25 March 1984 (won 2-1) — age: 23y, 140 days

**4. Rod Brown. 50 goals.**
At Marconi 1983-1986 - 98 appearances, at 0.51 goals per game
First Marconi game: v Footscray, Schintler Reserve, 24 April 1983 (won 4-0) — age: 19y, 87days

**5. Zlatko Nastevski. 50 goals.**
At Marconi 1987-1990 - 94 appearances, at 0.53 goals per game
First Marconi goal: v St George,Marconi Stadium, 5 April 1987 (won 2-0) — age: 29y, 244 days

**6. Peter Sharne. 47 goals.** - At Marconi 1977-1988 , at 0.27 goals per game
**7. Tom McCulloch. 43 goals.** - At Marconi 1982-1995, at 0.17 goals per game
**8. Ian Gray. 38 goals.** - At Marconi 1985-1995, at 0.16 goals per game
**9. Frank Farina. 33 goals.** - At Marconi 1987-1988, at 0.70 goals per game
**10. Eddie Krncevic. 30 goals.** - At Marconi 1979-1981& 1988, at 0.38 goals per game

At **12th** position on Marconi's all-time goalscorers' list is Own Goals, who prefers to be called OG. Between 1977 & 1997/98, OG scored 27 times for Marconi. OG's most glorious seasons were 1978 & 1993/94, where four goals were scored. OG's most memorable game was Marconi's round 15, 1978 clash again Brisbane City, with 2 goals, the highest tally of goals that Marconi's OG has scored in a game.

**MOST IN A MATCH**
The highest number of goals scored by a Marconi player in one game was five, by Zlatko Nastevski, in Marconi's 7-0 trouncing of St George in November 1989.

**MOST IN A SEASON**
In the 1989 season, Zlatko Nastevski scored 22 goals (in 27 matches).

**HIGHEST GOALS PER GAME**
Frank Farina holds the Marconi record for highest average goals per game, with 33 goals in 47 games, putting his average at 0.70 goals per game. David Seal come in second with 28 goals in 49 games, scoring an average of 0.57 goals per game. Third place belongs to Zlatko Nastevski with 0.53 goals per game, or 50 goals from 94 games.




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In the French competition, Marseille played the derby against Montpellier. Stade Vélodrôme - 56.000.

After just a couple of minutes, Montpellier scored, but was denied a regular goal for supposed offside. A bit later Bakayoko scored 0-1 for Montpellier. Surprisingly they went up to 0-2, with a goal from Robert (?). In the 23rd minute, Sauzée scored from a free kick (0-3). On the other side, Fabrizio Ravanelli hit the post and Pires scored from the rebound. The goal was cancelled due to offside. Before halftime, Montpellier countered and Ivory Coast-international Bakayoko (wanted by Arsenal, but not for sale) scored his second of the evening. After a corner, Laurent Blanc headed a ball on the post, but at half time Marseille were very surprisingly 0-4 down. Their new goalie Porato, who replaced German international Andreas Köpke, didn't have a nice day.

But there was still one half to go...

With still half an hour to go, Dugarry came on. Only 30 seconds later, he delivered a nice assist to Florian Maurice, who headed the ball in (1-4). A bit later, Robert Pires took a free kick. Dugarry headed it in (2-4). After a corner, Super-sub Dugarry headed home his second (3-4, with 20 minutes to go). In the meantime, Montpellier was denied a penalty. In the 84th minute, Ravanelli headed a high ball to Roa (?), who equalised (4-4).

However, coming back from 0-4 to a draw wasn't enough for Marseille: three minutes into injury-time, Pires was fouled in Montpellier's penalty area. Laurent Blanc converted it and Marseille won the game with 5-4.

Needless to tell you that this was one of the greatest games ever in the history of the French competition.

**Sent by: Super Mario from UNKNOWN**

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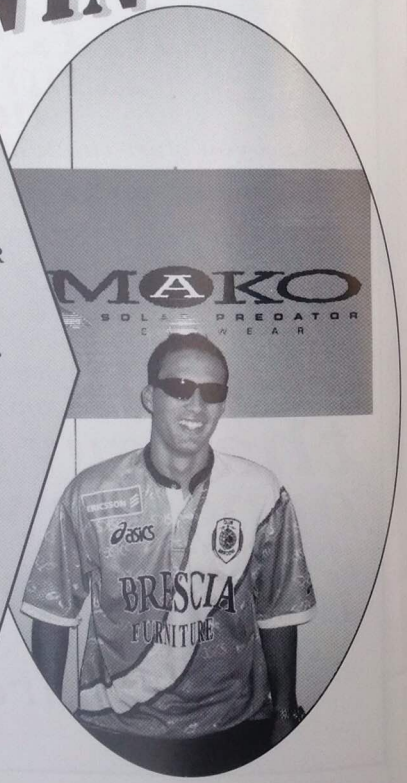

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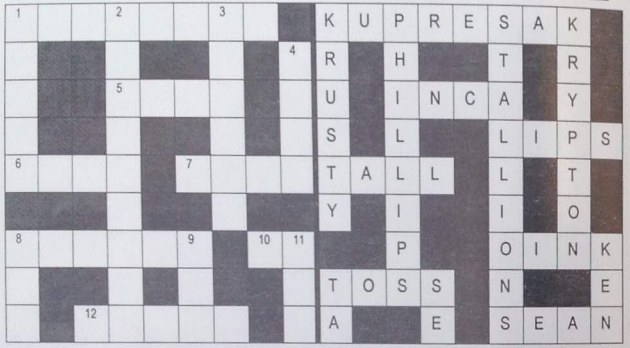


## THIS WEEKS CLUES

**Across**

1. Nickname of South Melbourne No. 9
5. King of the Jungle.
6. Back-chatting the ref is a big _ _ / _ _.
7. A good bloke is referred to as a _ _ _ _.
8. Another word for close.
10. Initials of our No.22
12. Aussie expression meaning good.

**Down**

1. What you do midweek to keep fit.
2. We play South _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ tonight
3. Our No.19 – Brendan _ _ _ _ _ _.
4. Our No.7 – Christian _ _ _ _.
8. Smoking is _ _ _ cool.
9. "Who are _ _ _?"
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